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# Boston Redevelopment Authority

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Dear Back Bay Resident:

The Back Bay, one of Boston's most vital and valuable neighborhoods, is now facing an important crossroad in its continuing development. This development is of concern to all of us--the residents, the Boston Redevelopment Authority and all of Boston.

We feel that careful and controlled development and preservation is necessary in all areas of the city, and especially in aesthetically leading and historic areas such as the Back Bay. Development should not be an unselective casting off of the old simply to obtain something new.

It has become obvious in recent years that steps must be taken to improve the climate of living in the Back Bay. We have, I believe, taken a rational approach to the problem. In November I appointed an eleven-member Task Force, chaired by Erwin Canham, to develop and recommend an overall program for the Back Bay.

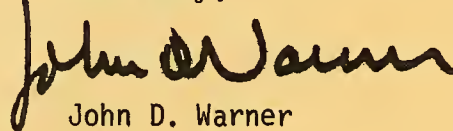
The Task Force has completed its report (printed in full on the reverse side of this page) and has made significant recommendations on zoning, open spaces, educational institutions, traffic and residential rehabilitation.

On the subject of limited high rise building in the neighborhood, the Task Force filed majority and minority reports. Six members oppose any high rise construction within residential Back Bay. Five voted in favor of a limited number of architecturally controlled high rise buildings at specific locations.

All the aspects of the report are of importance to you and your neighborhood, and I feel we should hear directly from the residents concerning these recommendations. For this purpose, a public meeting will be held June 4, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. at John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley Street. Members of the Back Bay Task Force and BRA staff members will be available to answer questions on all facets of the Report.

I urge that you read this report, consider it, and attend the June 4th meeting to make your feelings known.

Sincerely,



John D. Warner



# **COME TO THE MEETING**

**To discuss the recommendations made by the Task Force**

**with John D. Warner, Director of the Boston Redevelopment**

**Authority and members of the Back Bay Task Force.**

**John Hancock Hall**

**Thursday, June 4, 1970 at 7:30 P.M.**

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